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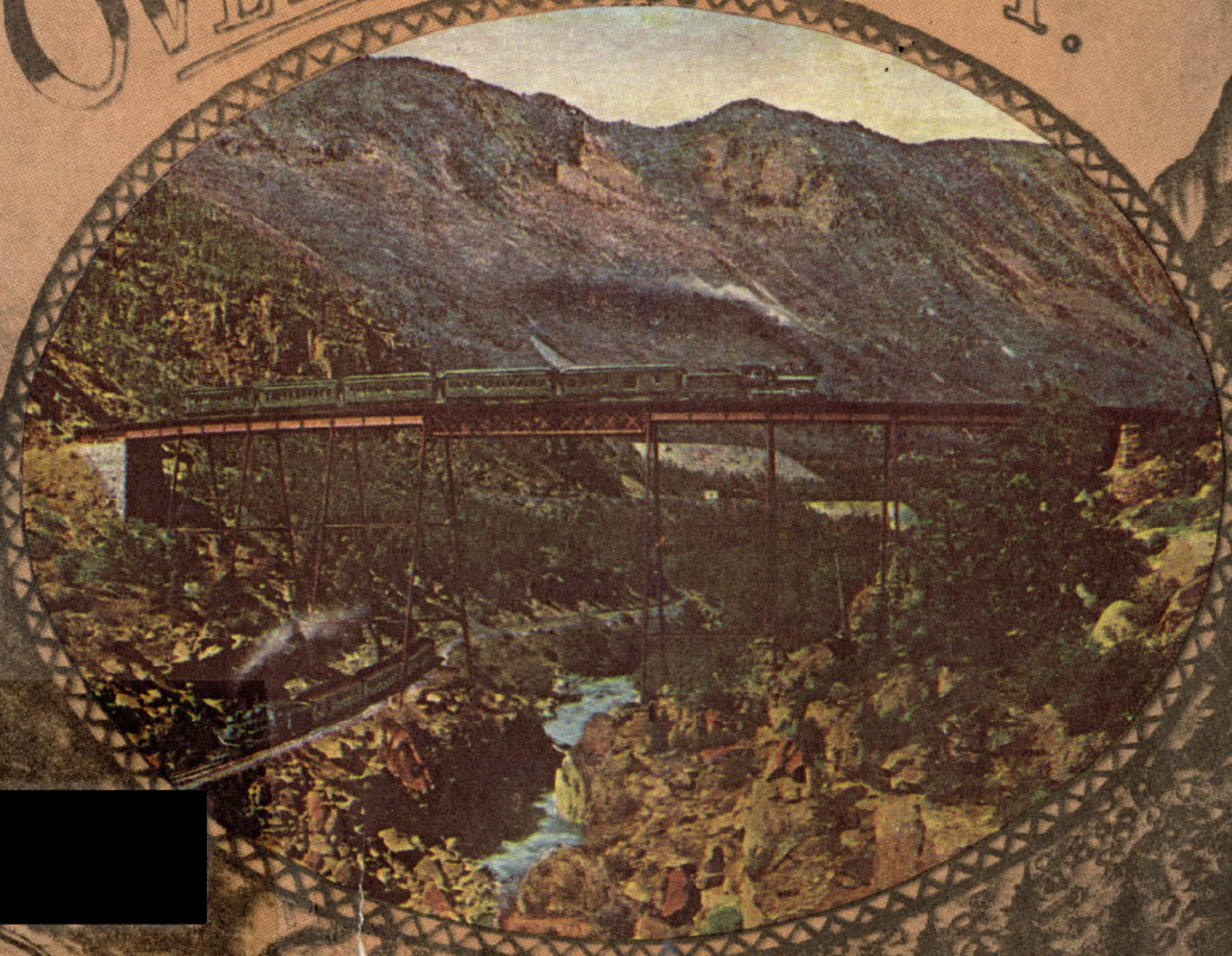

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TO THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT McCLELLAN

"Touched by the light that
hath no name,
A glory never sung,
Aloft on sky and mountain wall
Are God's great pictures hung."

THE FAR-FAMED GEORGETOWN LOOP AND MOUNT McCLELLAN

PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS OF MAGNIFICENT SCENERY IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS
ALONG THE LINES OF THE COLORADO & SOUTHERN RAILWAY AND THE ARGENTINE CENTRAL RAILWAY

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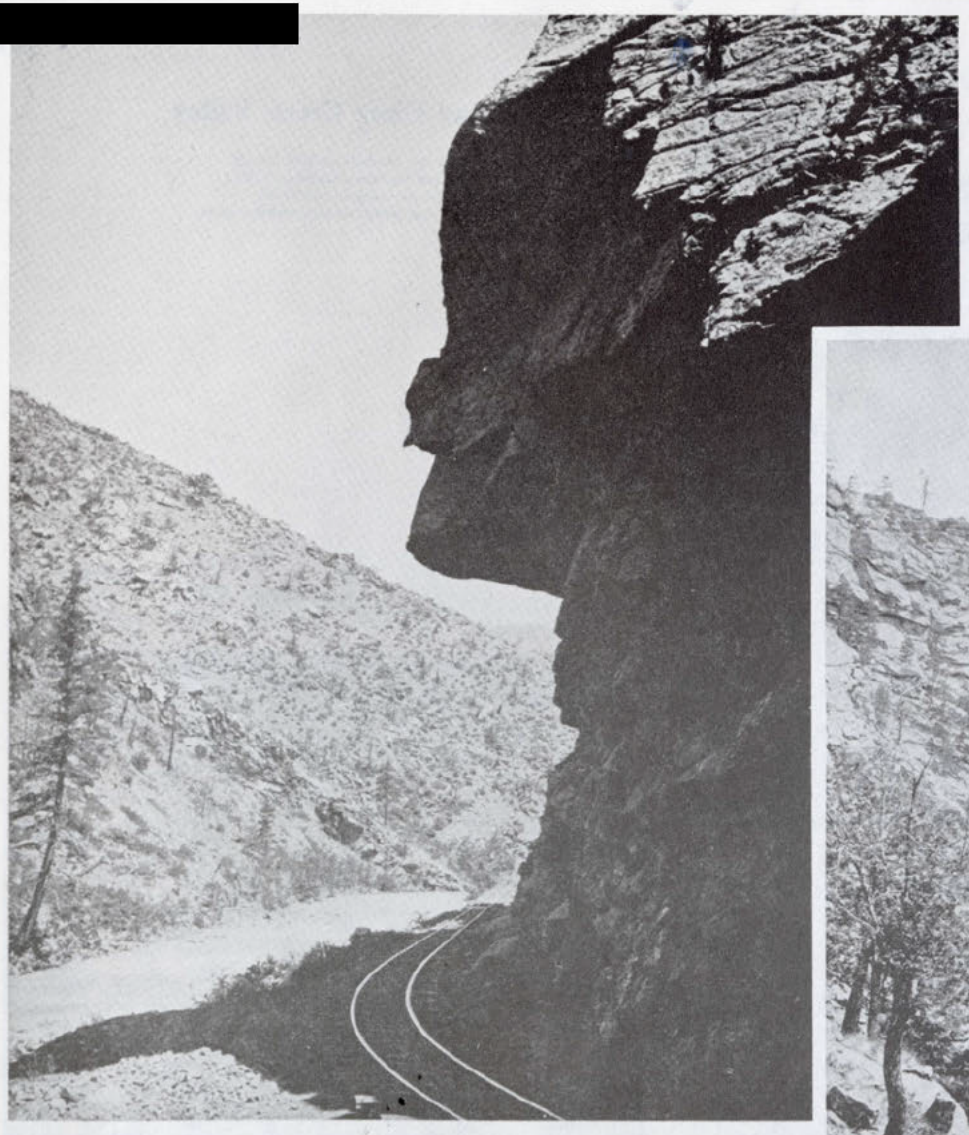
Golden and Clear Creek Valley

Down from the foothills deep in brush,
Gaze we now on a scene so fair,
E'en that the morning, in full blush,
Stops and stares at the beauties there.

City of Golden

Built on the dividing line between hill and plain,
it stands as gatekeeper and Warder to the entrance of the Canon



The Hanging Rock—In Shadow

What is the portent of that frowning face?
What doom is in that overhanging brow?
Will earthquake ever shake it from its place?
Will Nature, maybe, wreak her malice now?

Inspiration Point, Clear Creek Canon

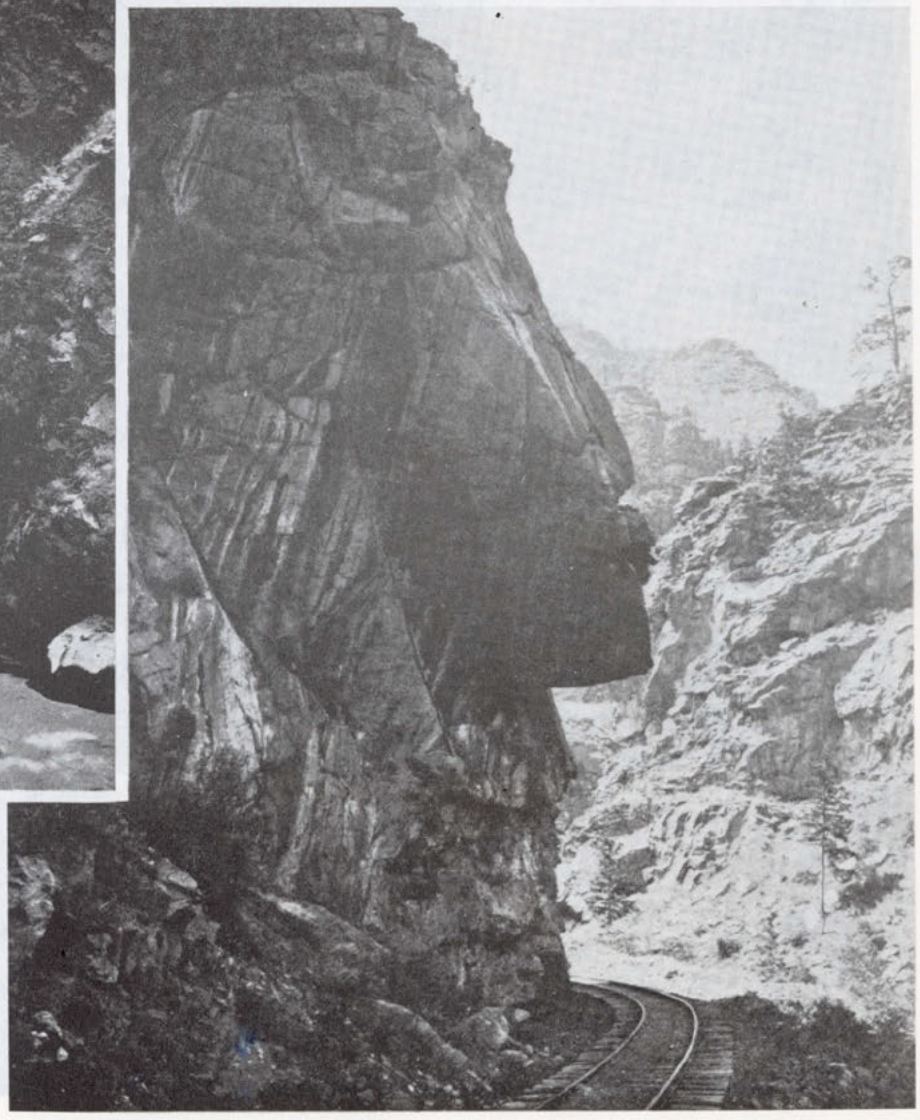
Sky, rock and stream combine in the picturesque to awaken the muse in the most prosaic, or spur to action the doughty

Hanging Rock, Clear Creek Canon

Projecting out over the way like a gargoyle grotesque with its hideous grimace ever menacing the passerby

Rocky Point Clear Creek Canon

Stands like a warrior ready for the fray, prepared to breast the fiercest assaults, or turn back the stoutest invaders of the fastness

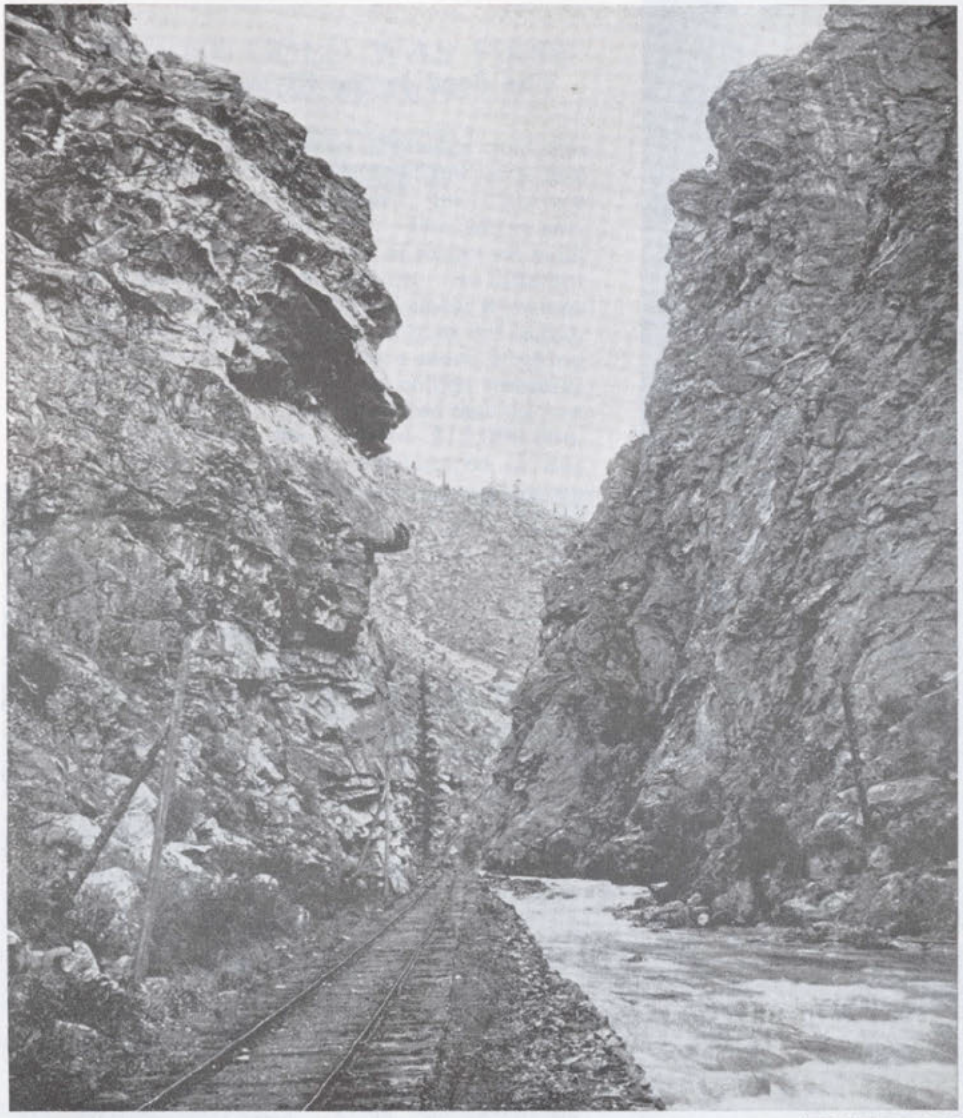


Mother Grundy, Clear Creek Canon

Her head poised, as though ready to give that knowing nod,
"I thought so," to the tale of the scandal-bearing stream below

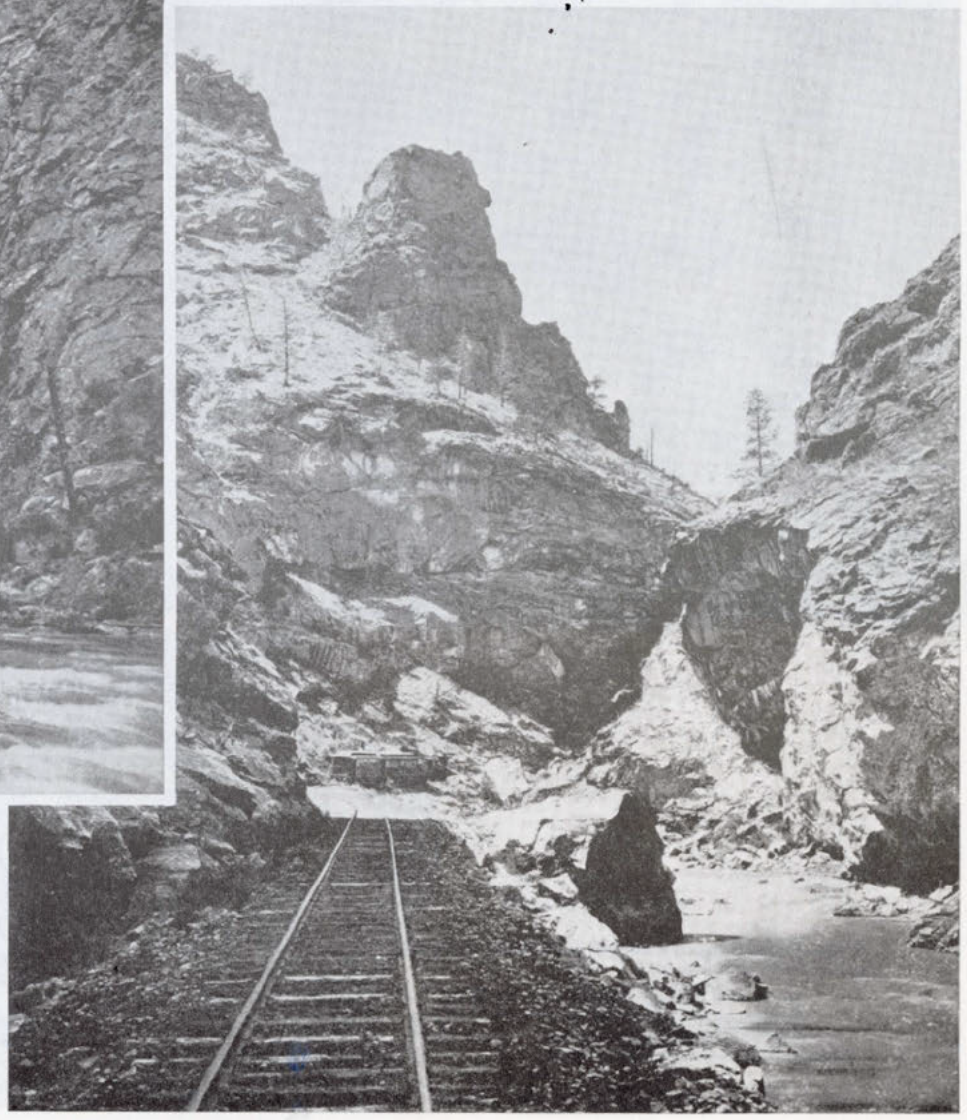
The Lone Pine, Clear Creek Canon

High up on the rocky ramparts this hardy solitaire has thrived,
apparently, sans moisture, sans soil, sans everything



The Narrows, Clear Creek Canon

With all these towering rocks above,
And just a little strip of sky,
This cheerful stream sings on of love—
Of love and immortality.

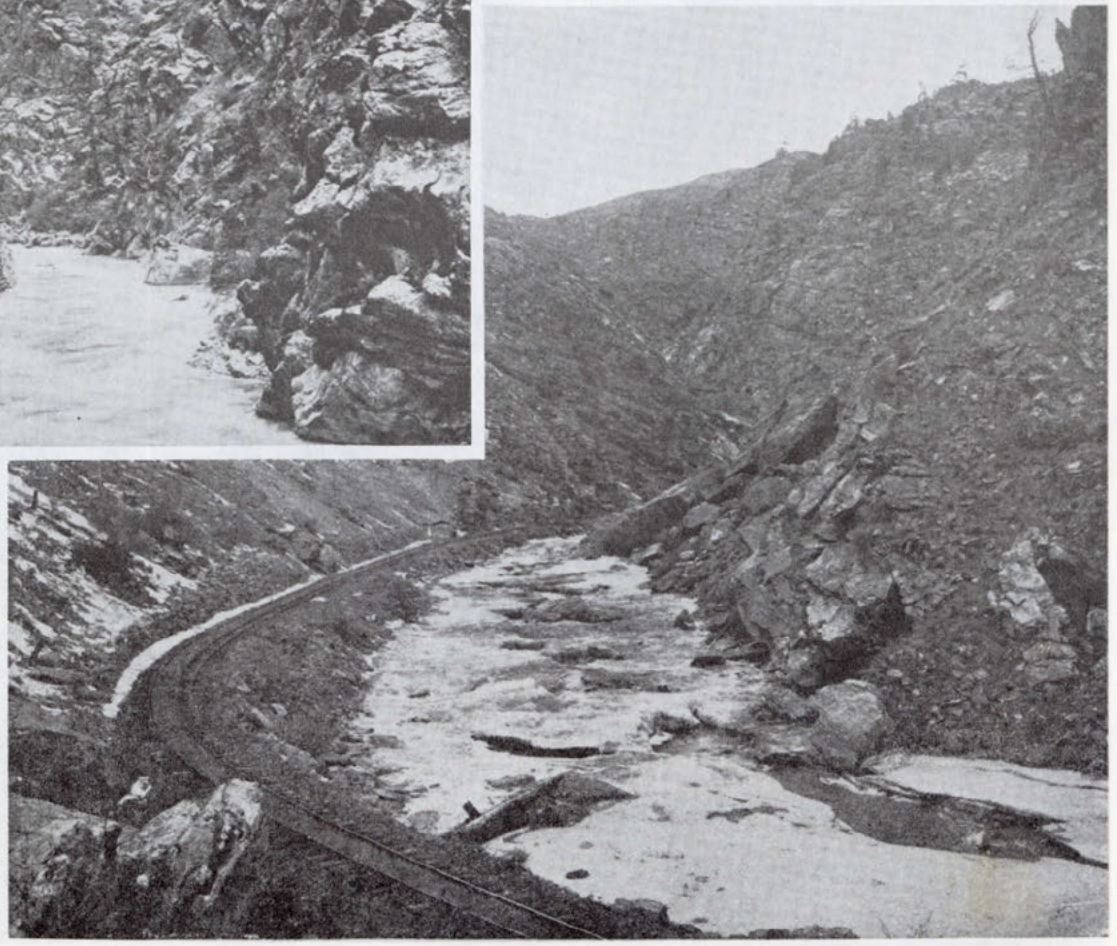


The Old Roadmaster, Clear Creek Canon

One of the fanciful pieces of statuary carved out by Nature in Clear Creek Canon

The Bend in the River

A swing, a swirl a downward curl,
And off the waters go;
The mountains smile on them meanwhile,
The same as long ago.

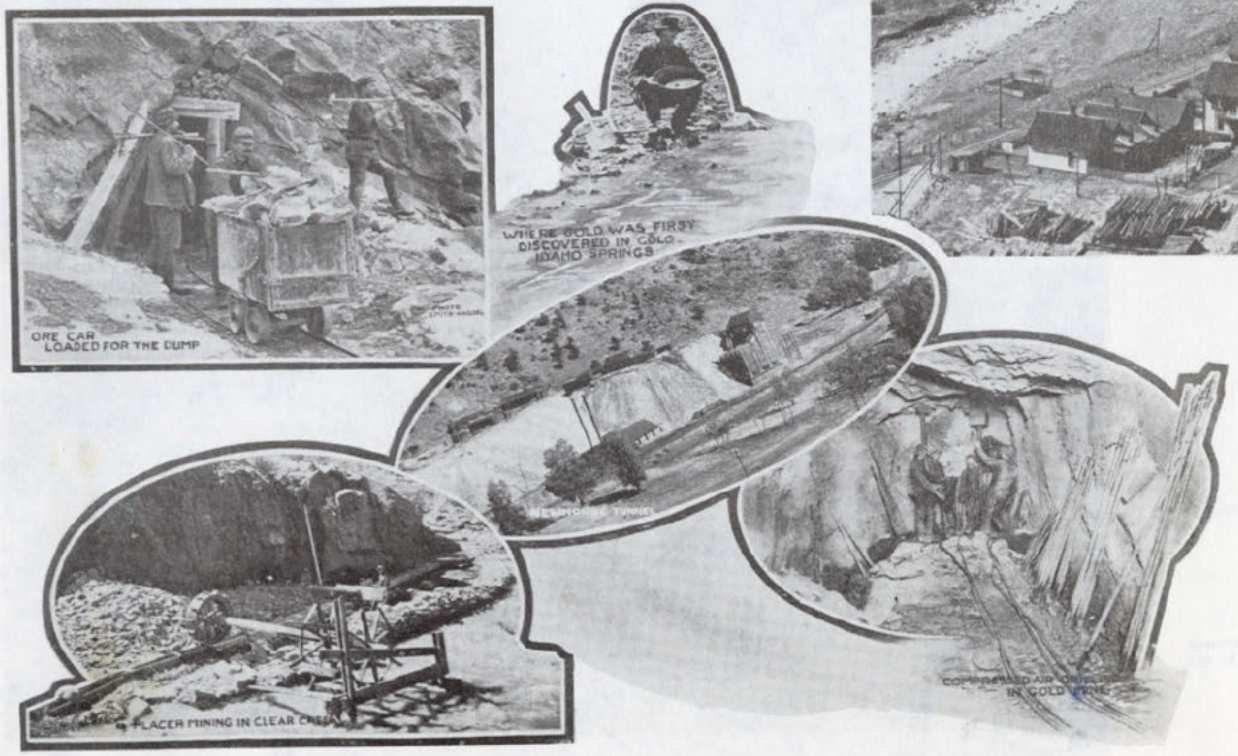


The Rushing Waters of Clear Creek

An opening through mighty mountains, filled with wondrous scenes and the mad music of a tumbling stream

WHERE GOLD WAS FIRST DISCOVERED

It was as far back as 1860 that gold was discovered at Idaho Springs, and in a few months "placer diggings" and "surface work" were in full blast. The whole surrounding district is a mass of seams, all gold, in a greater or lesser degree. At different places along the road the old placer workings are seen, and small parties of men are noted, with shovel and sluice, once more working the gravel washed for its golden treasures forty years ago. It is estimated that the bed of Clear Creek has yielded $10,000,000, and since lode mining commenced in this district, the hills in the region have given up ten times as great a fortune.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PLACER MINING IN CLEAR CREEK
IN GOLD MINE

Idaho Springs

Here God gives His kindness down;
It flows through mountain, mead and town,
An each one knows
While on it flows
No one can its potency drown;
For in its might it seems to say
"Here's love and life and health alway."

The Loop—Falls Below the High Bridge

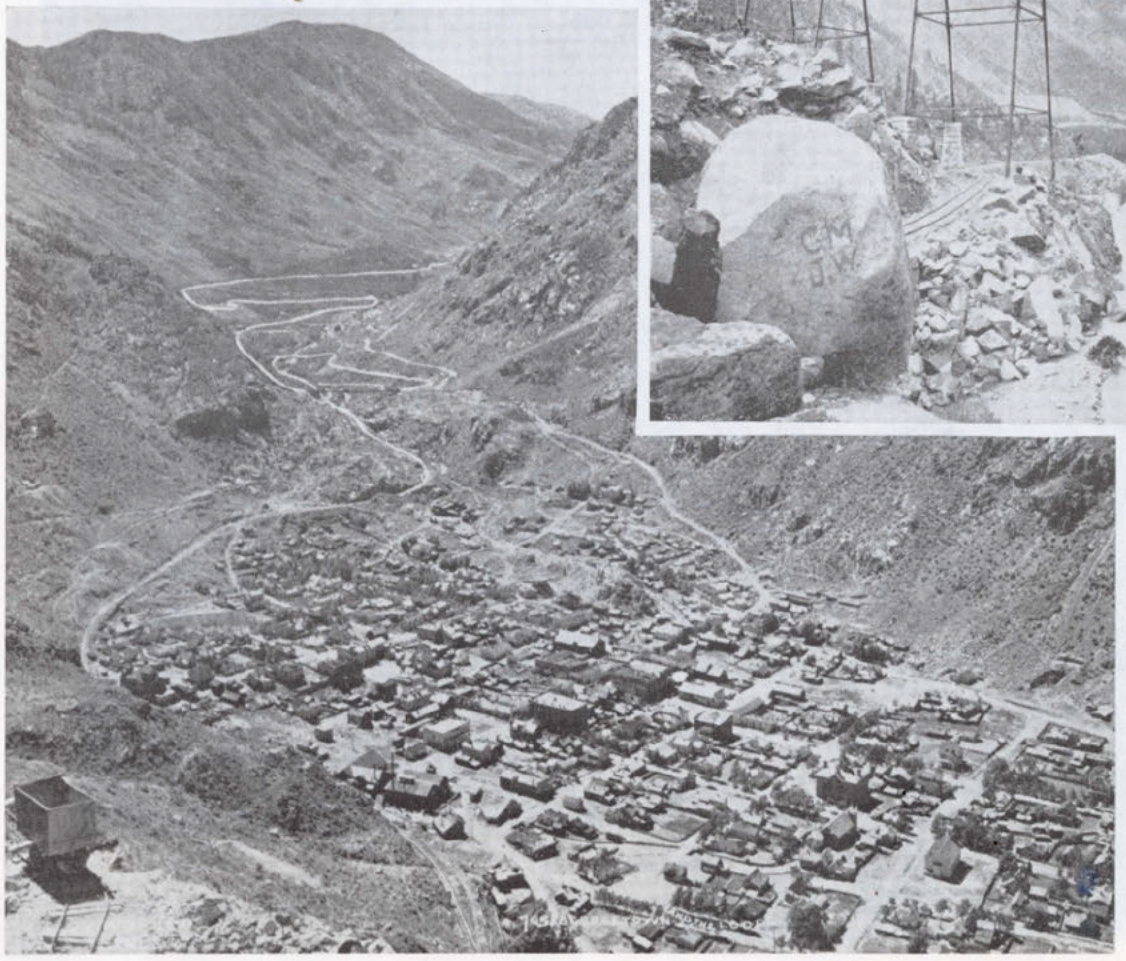
"Where fall the waters of Clear Creek o'er the side of a rocky wall,
Splashing and laughter echoed in its musical mountain call."

Georgetown

An enterprising, pushing little city, perched among the clouds, whose hardy sons are enriched by the golden stores of the hills

High Bridge, Above Georgetown

With supports like spider legs, spans Clear Creek, and completes the cordon of twin steel lines that marks the tangle of the Loop



Georgetown Loop, Birdseye View

See how th' ambitious feet of men hard
after those of Nature tread!
A thriving city in the glen with fortune
hanging overhead.
Here Nature hid her richest store, and here
man found it, and, today,
The hills are paying more and more the tribute
that they have to pay

THE LOOP, FROM THE MOUNTAIN SIDE

Looking up the canon, this is the famous view of that acme of railway engineering which has attracted so much attention from the world of wonder seekers.

Green Lake, Near Georgetown

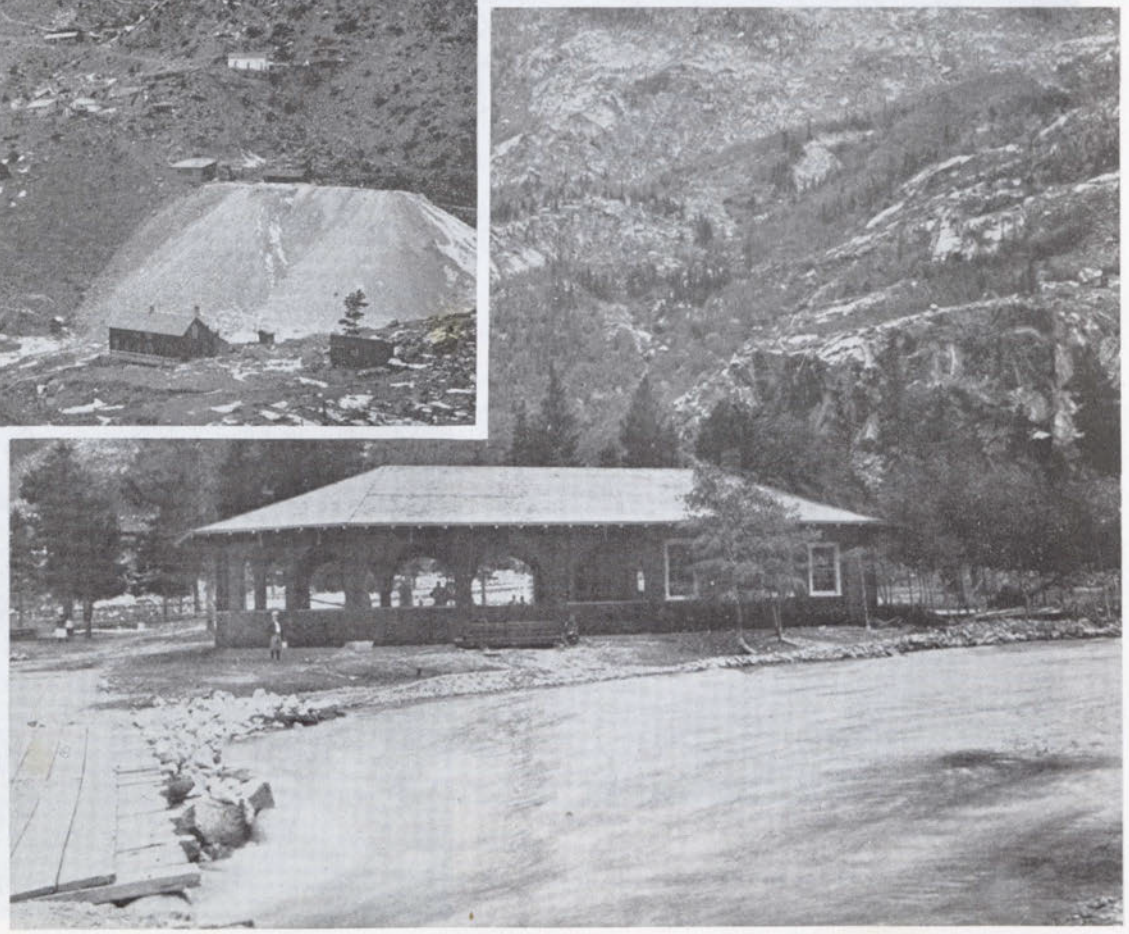
With its transparent depths of limpid water and placid surface mirroring the romantic, pine-clad shore

The Loop, From Silver Plume

Looking down the canon. Here we see man's ingenuity taxed to its greatest tension to overcome the impediments Nature has thrown in the way to obstruct his progress.

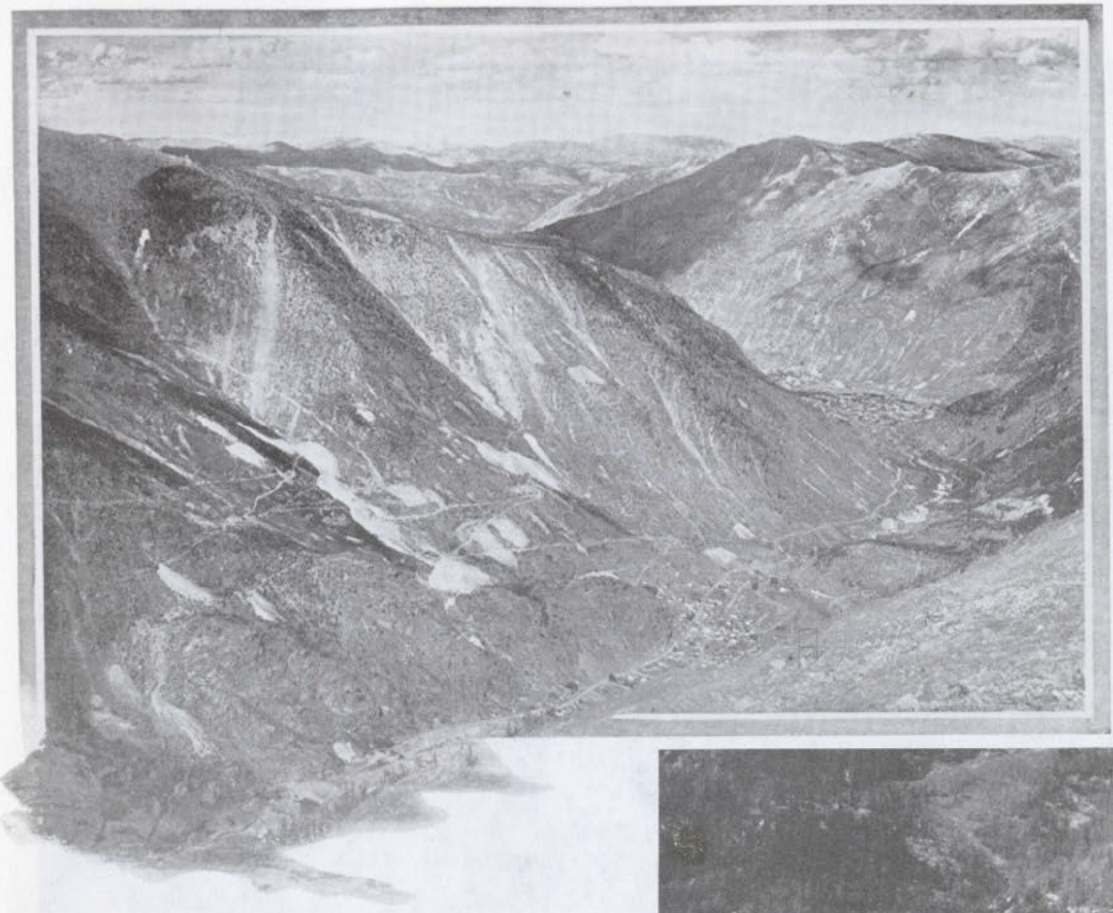
Silver Plume

And its environments of gold mines, a glimpse of which we give, is just on the verge of the habitable, almost in touch with timberline



The Lunch Pavilion, Silver Plume

A placid stream, a pleasure ground
Where stately evergreens arise;
A place where God and man have found
Not very distant from the skies.



Panorama of Clear Creek Valley

From Sunrise Peak, showing Georgetown and Silver Plume, Colorado

"Thou who wouldst see the lovely and the wild
Mingled in harmony on Nature's face,
Ascend our rocky monntains."

—BRYANT

The Aerial Tramway
To the Summit of Sunrise Peak

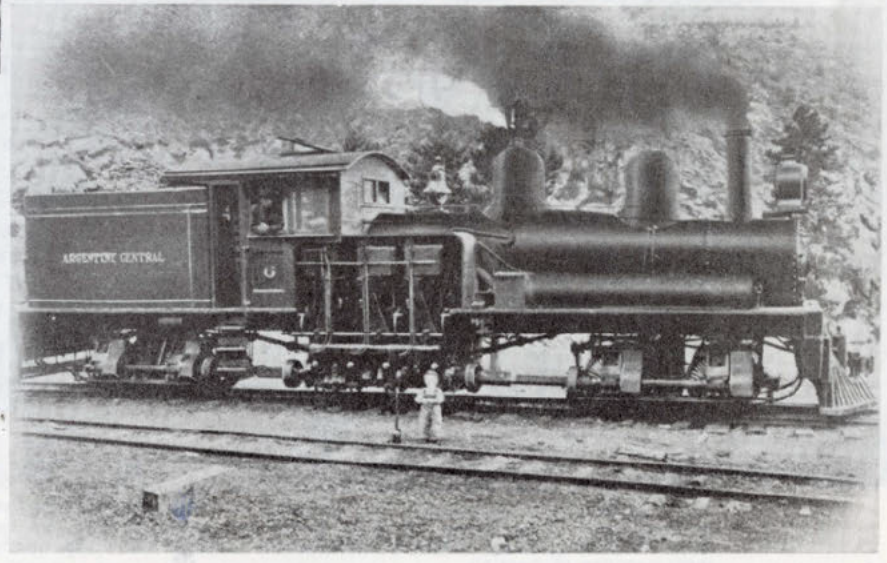
ARAPAHOE PEAK

This singularly beautiful mountain, rearing its snow and granite capped spires to an elevation of 13,520 feet above the level of the distant sea; is situated in Boulder County, Colorado. It is one of the less familiarly known mountains of Colorado, but its splendid grandeur is undeniable.

Old Signal Station

Crest of Gray's Peak

Might lead the imagination to the remnants of architecture left by the Norsemen, but it is simply an old abandoned Weather Bureau Station



A Shay Engine

Used in climbing Mount McClellan, on the Argentine Central Railroad

THE LOOP

Here, among so many wonders of nature, is one of the most remarkable of the product of man's enterprise and skill, which is embodied in the famous "Loop" on the trip from Denver to Graymont. An extended description of this wonderful piece of engineering would not make its characteristics as clear as one glance at the striking picture given above. From the bridge six pieces of track can be apparently detached and the tourist realizes something of the marvel of engineering skill over which he is riding. There are four famous Loops in the world, one on the Southern Pacific Railroad, one in Switzerland, one in the Andes, and this one, the most complex of them all.

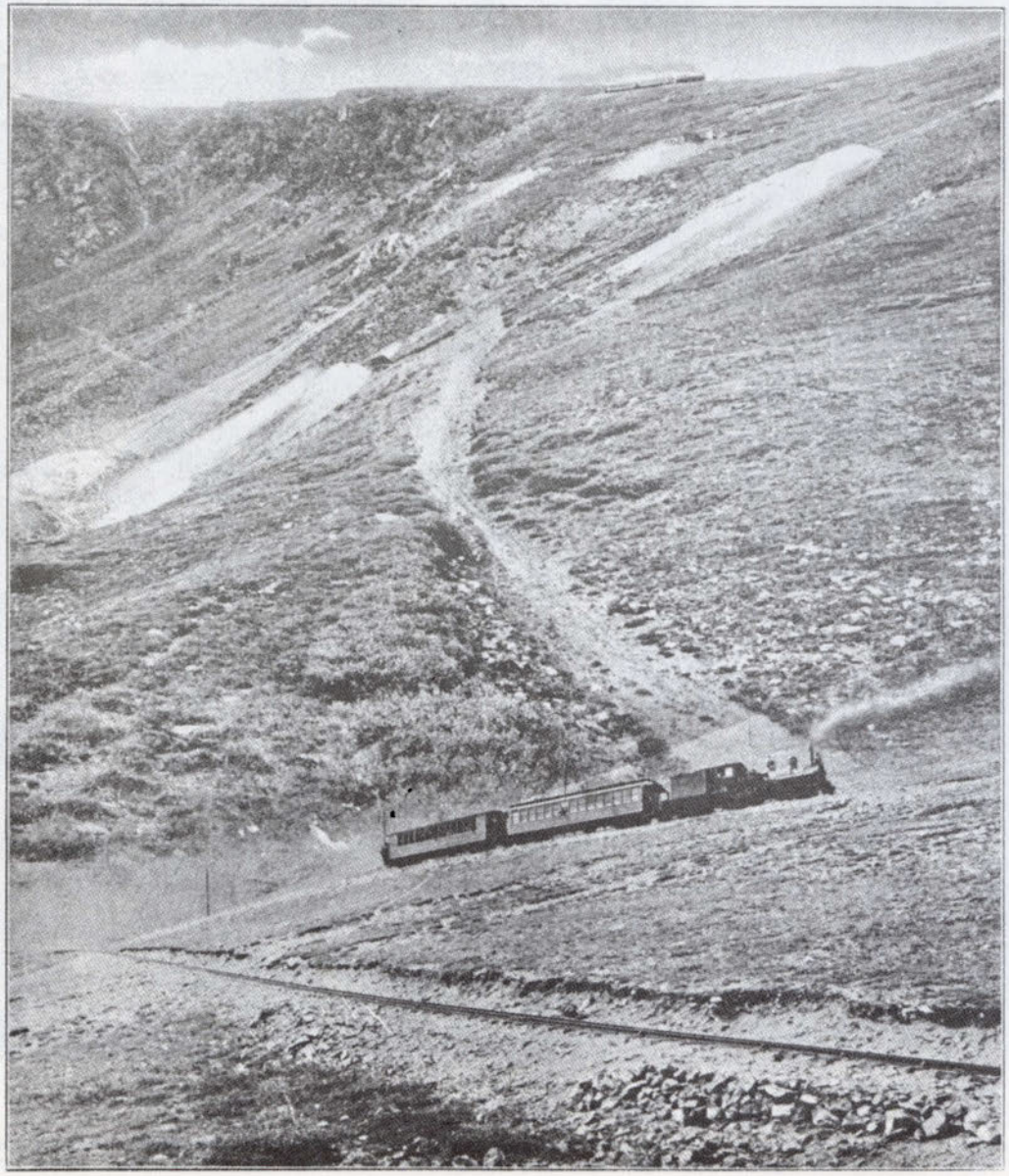
SUMMIT OF MT. McCLELLAN

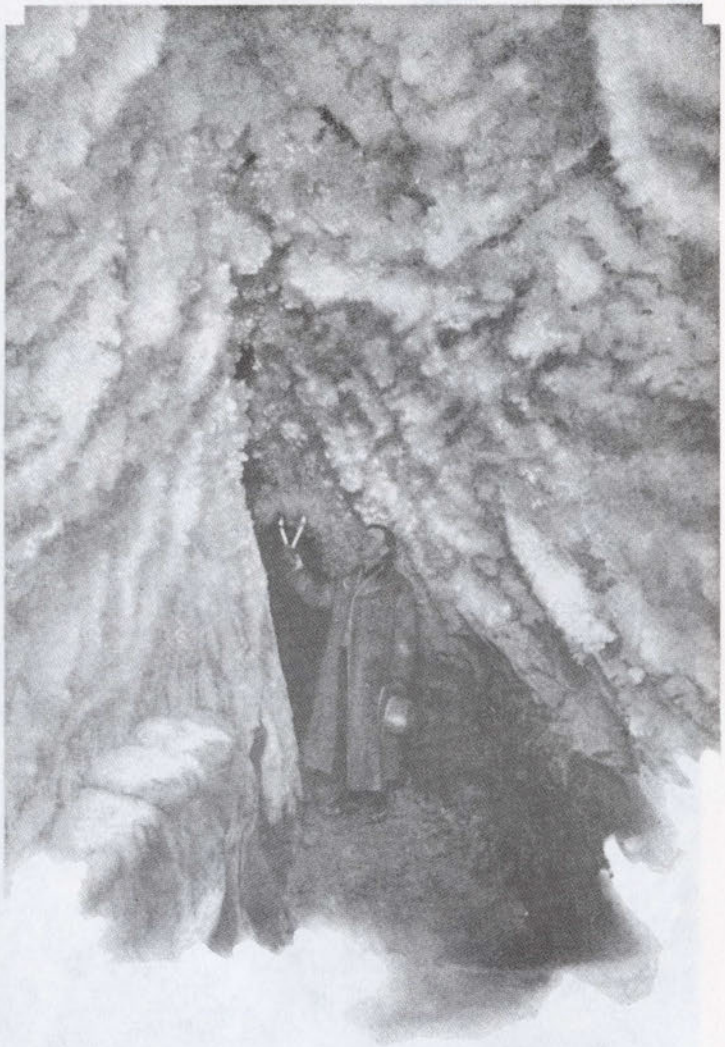
LOOKING TOWARD GRAY'S AND TORREY'S PEAKS

The panorama from Mount McClellan is one of matchless grandeur and sublimity. In every direction tower America's most gigantic granites—in all one hundred and six peaks of ponderous size are visible, some of them in Wyoming and others near the Utah line. "Denver the Beautiful" appears far to the east, while away beyond it stretch the rolling plains. One-sixth of the entire state of Colorado is spread before the enraptured gaze.

Perpetual Ice Palace

Altitude 13,600 feet, on Mount McClellan, on the Argentine Central Railroad





Zig-zag Climb

To Mount McClellan. A six per cent grade, on the Argentine Central Railroad

MT. McCLELLAN—ALTITUDE 14,007 FEET

This great buttress to Gray's Peak is *the highest point in the world* reached by a regular railway. One of the greatest sources of wonder to tourists is that in the brief time of four hours they can so easily travel from Denver to this region of snow and ice, *nearly three miles above the sea.* Here one may have the rare pleasure of seeing the clear sky above, while a terrific storm rages in the valley below. This is the Great Continental Divide, the point from which one rivulet sings its song to the Atlantic and another to the Pacific.

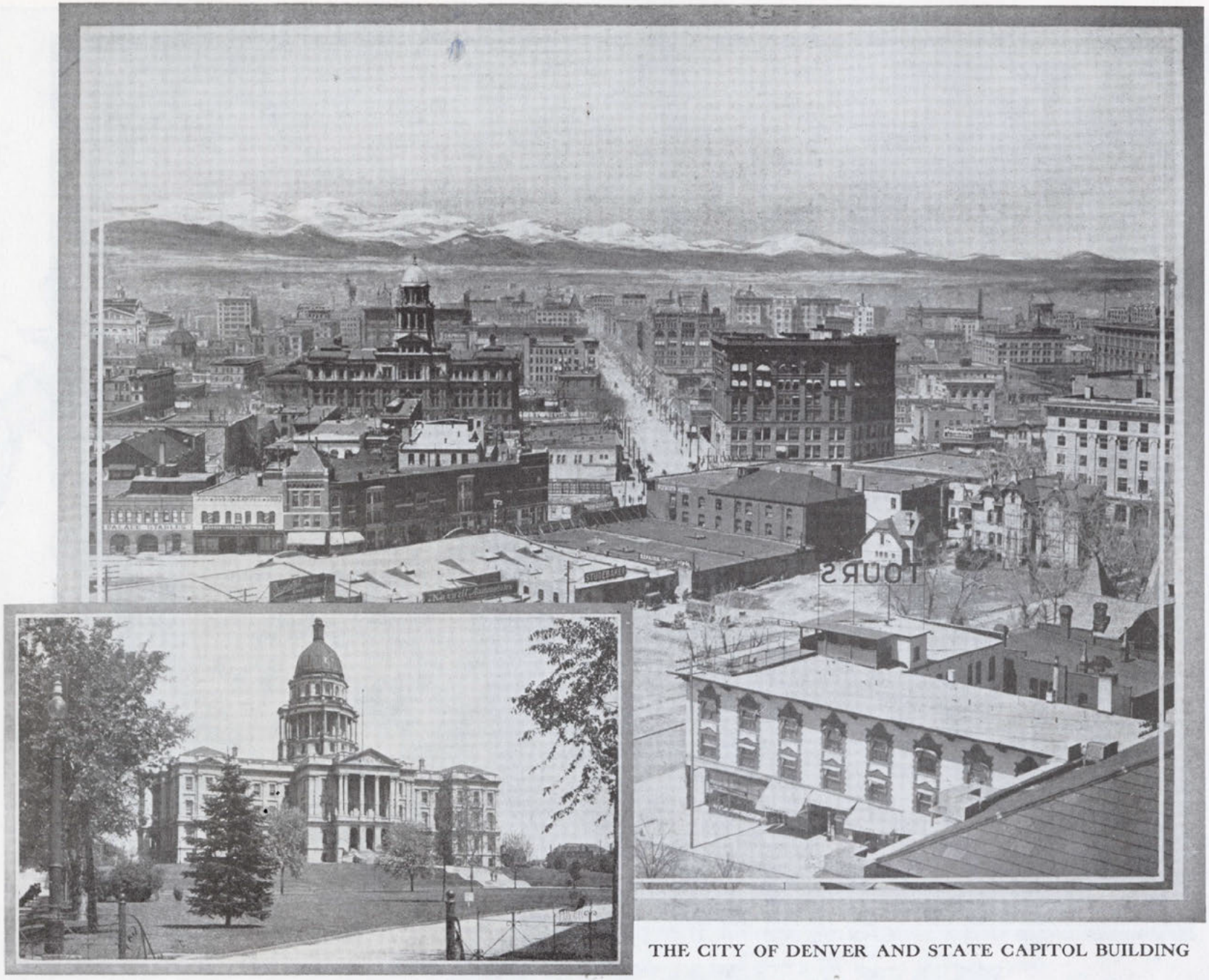
SNOW SCENE EN ROUTE TO MT. McCLELLAN

This picture, taken June 18, 1909, shows the immense banks of snow that remain throughout the summer along the line of the Argentine Central Railroad. From the heat of summer to the snows of winter in four short hours seems incredible, but such is the experience on the trip from Denver to the summit of Mount McClellan.

GRAY'S AND TORREY'S PEAKS

TWO GIANT SENTINELS OVERLOOKING THE PLAINS OF COLORADO

They are two of the highest peaks of the Front range, which divides Grand County from Boulder County, and passes through Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties. Torrey's Peak, height 14,336 feet; Gray's Peak, height 14,341 feet.



THE CITY OF DENVER AND STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

The Capitol of Colorado stands on an elevation nearly 5,200 feet above sea-level. The majestic mountains, sublime in their snow-crowned summits, environ her most romantically. The city is cosmopolitan in character; it draws people, by reason of its picturesque situation and its healing climate, from all over civilization. In 1858 adventurous gold hunters first pitched their camps at the junction of Cherry Creek and the Platte. From this small beginning sprang Denver, "The Queen City of the Plains," a metropolis of over 200,000 population, the largest city between the Missouri River and San Francisco, and destined to be the most important center of the American continent in the West, on account of its central location to all mining in the Rockies, its extensive irrigation plans, one of which is the Gunnison River enterprise, recently completed, called the "Gunnison Tunnel," and its railroad facilities, not to mention the progressiveness of its inhabitants.

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